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A National Editor.  
Mr. Howells, in the "Editor's Study" which he has opened so charmingly in the January *Harper's*, touches on the question of an American literary center, which center he perceives to be "scattered all over the country, as our political center now is." From this Mr. Howells passes easily to the proposed American (brunswick) Westminister Abbey, and imagines with fine sarcasm that one reason why so many gentlemen failed to favor it was that it would have to be built in New York "where the celebrities would be convenient for repulture in it." "It is a spirit of jealousy, we admit," continues Mr. Howells, "and it operates fatally in the case of a National New York Grand Monument."

It is not new, but it is increasingly true, to say that we have no London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Madrid. Our greatest city is not our capital; our capital is not one of our greatest cities, nor is likely ever to be. New York, at once the most populous, rich and miserable of American cities, whose marvelous growth gives no sign of slackening, has lost by the rise of other great cities much of her relative importance. Young, lusty, pushing communities absorbed in themselves and believing in their own future, have their pride where they have their interest, and the thing which ornaments their streets or adorns their life is more to them than all the palaces and monuments and museums that New York can build in a century.

It is not jealousy; it is local pride (of which New York has little) and a feeling that the rich city of New York with its vast population and many many millions, is able to pay for her own ornaments. The humble but graceful and appropriate Soldiers' Monument which Wheeling has raised to her patriot dead is more to us, and to our friends near by, than a full procession of Egyptian obelisks from the Battery to Harlem Bridge. Chicago feels this, St. Louis feels it, Philadelphia feels it, and San Francisco; and so they do not build their monuments in New York, any more than they take their political opinions, their literary canons, or their art ideas from that great commercial city, of whose greatness all Americans are proud and of whose smallness they are profoundly ashamed.

New York has lost in the public estimation by her long and pitiful appeals for aid in the building of a pedestal for her statue of Liberty. She ought to have pawned Vanderbilt or Gould or the late Stewart remains sooner than to the country with a subscription list for the Grand Monument. Her keen commercial eye saw a good bargain in the Old Commodore's bones, and she ought not to have asked the country to give them decent housing. These things take from the popular mind some of the illusions which are part of the stock in trade of a great city. We are too big a country to care, except in the one particular of National Government, and this must attend strictly to its national business. If nothing else stood in the way of "a centre," that undeniable condition of mastership and bondage would be made impossible by a vigorous press widely spread instead of strongly concentrated as where centres are the national pride and an important condition of the national life.

Concerning the Gas Board.  
When the Council elected a new Board of Gas Trustees, in marked departure from custom choosing the whole Board from one political party, there was an outcry that a wrong had been done to the public interest.

It was not simply that the Democratic majority had refused to recognize the Republican minority; not alone that this was not the treatment which the Democrats and the public interests had received from the Republicans when the majority was on that side. It happened that in the old Board was a man the most conspicuously fit in any city to hold a place in this very body—a man of large business experience and of special experience in the business of this Board; who has made a close study of the manufacture and distribution of gas, so that he knows all the nice economies; of character above reproach. That man was Dr. Logan.

Let such a man vote as he may on national questions, any community ought to be glad to be able to command his services. The Democrats in Council said they were of this mind, and they would cheerfully re-elect Dr. Logan. Something else was done; and then, Democrats said they were sorry, putting the blame on the Republicans for not concentrating their votes.

The Republicans who voted for two of their party, if they were sincere, asked for what they could not expect to get and ought not to have been given. They also gave the other side an opportunity to slip in a solid Board and cast some of the blame on Republicans.

Capt. Rolfe's resignation opens the way to repair this wrong; to give to the city the benefit of the best there is in it. Things have not gone well with the new Board; Dr. Logan would be a great help to it and to the public interest. We shall see what our Democratic friends in Council think about it.

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Also to the "Wood Lawn Cemetery Company," formed for the purpose of laying out and beautifying a tract of land to be purchased hereafter, to be used as a cemetery, in the vicinity of Fairmont. The principal office is to be in Fairmont. Three thousand one hundred dollars have been subscribed to the capital stock, of which the whole amount has been paid with the privilege of increasing to \$20,000 in all. The shares are of the value of \$50 each, and are held by the following persons, all of Fairmont: E. Hamilton, 10 shares; J. H. Barnes, 25 shares; J. B. 22 shares; M. N. Barnes, 2 shares; and John S. Hamilton 5 shares.

"HERE'S A HOW'DYE DO"

About the Gas Secretaryship, With a Drive at the Senior Senator.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

Sir:—The majority of the Gas Trustees in their communication to the City Council on Tuesday, November 24th, renewing their appointment of Bernard L. Butler as Secretary of the Gas Works, criticizing the Council for their refusal to confirm their previous appointment of that gentleman to the same place, state that "the objection to his confirmation at the last meeting of Council was based solely upon the ground that he was not born and reared in the city," and add their opinion of such wicked conduct on the part of the Council by saying: "We regard such an objection as unjust and unreasonable. It persisted in, it limits the selection of all officials to those born in the city. It institutes a 'boy-cot' against every foreign born citizen and new-comer. Such a narrow, ill-advised and un-American spirit is not characteristic of our people and does not represent their sentiments."

This is indeed strange language and a most unjust and unheard of reason to attribute to the City Council for refusing to confirm Mr. Butler's appointment, especially when no one knows better than these two gentlemen that they were appointed Gas Trustees by this very Council, and that, too, in the face of the fact that neither of them "were born or reared in the city." It is therefore impossible that the objection to Mr. Butler was "based solely on the ground that he was not born and reared in the city." Could it be possible that they did not know that their statement, quoted above and signed by two public officers, was not true? Is it not generally believed that they did know the true reason why Mr. Butler's appointment was not confirmed? And that reason is not only known in this city and immediate vicinity, but generally throughout this end of the State.

It is deemed passing strange that in this city of more than 20,000 inhabitants no man was more generally known to the people and who was so competent for the place could be found; and it may really be assumed that the members of the City Council had more than one such person in mind when they rejected the nomination.

There are doubtless many members of Council who do not cordially approve of the interference of a United States Senator, or his henchmen, especially when they do not reside here, in the local affairs of the city of Wheeling. It may easily be assumed that many of them deemed the dictation of Federal appointments, so charged to the whole State, was sufficient honor, even for a Senator, especially one whose recommendation outweighs a great majority of the business men of the city of Wheeling, or has resulted so in at least one important Federal appointment.

If the Senator will confine himself to dictating appointments to Federal offices, and let the citizens of Wheeling, through their Council, fill what offices there are to be filled, with those they think are most acceptable and worthy, he will stand a better chance of being his own successor in the United States Senate, than by such interference. And the Gas Trustees who are acting under his advice will learn in time that a majority of the members of Council will not be dictated to even indirectly by any United States Senator when they come to fill city offices.

Justice.

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